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Office of Chief, Economic Research, OER

Project Action Memorandum

Project No. 42,285

Date: 25 January 1954

TITLE: Intra-bloc Foreign Trade Turnover 1952

REQUESTER: F.O.A.

STATEMENT OF PROJECT:

1. To estimate aggregate 1952 Intra-bloc Trade turnover in U.S. dollars.
2. Weight the indices of the physical volume of Intra-bloc Trade by country.

RESPONSIBILITY:

Action Division

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PROJECT MONITOR: [REDACTED] Ext. 2434

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Project No. 42.285, Intra-Bloc Foreign Trade Turnover, 1952.

1. The attached paper fulfills the requirements of the requester (FOA) for Project No. 42.285.
2. It is recommended that the paper with the accompanying cover memo be forwarded to FOA.

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Request from FOI for 1952 Intra-Soviet Bloc Trade.

The data you requested has been compiled and entered in the tables following.

¹⁹³⁸ A new table of volume indices has been drawn up using as base the Czechoslovakian volume figures ~~in each year~~. This new table does not appear to show any more information than is available in the original table but is submitted per your request.

Changes in Trade Volume

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Value of Trade (Million \$ U.S.)</u> |
|-------------|---|
| 1938 | 147 |
| 1948 | 998 |
| 1949 | 1,652 |
| 1950 | 2,206 |
| 1951 | 3,696 |
| 1952 | 4,380 ^{A/} |

In physical volume the trade turnover comparisons are as follows:

Physical Volume of Indices of Intra-Bloc Trade of Each* Soviet Bloc Country

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Czech</u> | <u>Poland</u> | <u>Hungary</u> | <u>Romania</u> | <u>Bulgaria</u> | <u>USSR</u> | <u>China</u> |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1938 | 100 ^{1/} | 100 ^{2/} | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 1948 | 160 | 472 | 100 | 178 | 256 | 611 | 63 |
| 1949 | 285 | 775 | 238 | 294 | 459 | 1,022 | Negligible |
| 1950 | 324 | 1,224 | 390 | 341 | 480 | 1,700 | 3,449 |
| 1951 | 387 | 1,259 | 369 | 263 | 469 | 2,233 | 15,473 |
| 1952 ^{A/} | 432 | 1,386 | 390 | 363 | 533 | 2,703 | 16,045 |

* Albania has been omitted because no data are available.

^{1/} 1937

^{2/} 1936-38 average.

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Physical Volume Indices of Intra-Bloc Trade

| Czechoslovakia 1938=100 | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-------|--------|---------|---------|----------|------|-------|
| Year | Czech | Poland | Hungary | Rumania | Bulgaria | USSR | China |
| 1938 | 100 | 30 | 40 | 53 | 19 | 56 | 4 |
| 1948 | 160 | 141 | 40 | 94 | 48 | 340 | 3 |
| 1949 | 285 | 232 | 96 | 155 | 85 | 569 | - |
| 1950 | 324 | 366 | 157 | 179 | 89 | 946 | 142 |
| 1951 | 387 | 376 | 148 | 138 | 87 | 1243 | 638 |
| 1952 | 432 | 414 | 157 | 191 | 99 | 1505 | 663 |

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